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14. Any Woman Servant, suffering herself to be got with Child by a Negro, or other Slave, or by any Free Negro, shall, after the Time of her Servitude, and Satisfaction for Damage, become a Servant again for Seven Years, and her Time to be disposed of by the County Court.—Any White Man Servant, begetting any Negro Woman with Child, shall undergo the same Penalty.—And the Children, so begotten, shall become Servants till they arrive at the Age of Thirty-one Years. *Ibid.* §. 26—28.

15. Bastard-bearing Servant Women, not being able to prove the Father, shall satisfy Damages by Servitude, or otherwise: But, if she prove the Charge, then the Father, if a Servant, shall pay half Damages:—If a Freeman, he shall satisfy the whole Damage by Servitude, or otherwise, as the Court shall think fit.—If such Freeman cannot be brought to Justice, she shall satisfy the whole, as if no such Proof had been made.—If a Promise of Marriage be Proved against such Freeman, he shall be at his Choice either to perform such Promise, or recompence her Abuse, as the Court shall adjudge. *Ibid.* §. 29, 30.

16. The Provincial and County Courts are empowered to hear and determine any Complaints between Masters and Servants, by Way of Petition; and give Judgment, and award Execution thereon. And no such Judgment shall be reversed, on Appeal, or Writ of Error, for want of Process, Jury, Form, &c. unless it appear by the Record that the Defendant was not summoned, or not heard. And all other Disputes between Masters and Servants, relating to Indentures, Contracts, Wages, &c. are determinable by Petition as aforesaid. *Ibid.* §. 31, 32.

17. Servants, feloniously taking or purloining their Master's Goods, under the Value of 1000^{lb} Tobacco, shall be adjudged Felony. And such Servant, on Conviction, shall be adjudged to pay fourfold by Servitude, and also be Whipped and Pillor'd. *Ibid.* §. 34.

18. Persons conveying any Servants out of the Province, shall satisfy such Damage to the Owners of such Servants, as the Court shall think fit. 1715, *ch.* 19, §. 3.

19. Persons transporting or conveying any Persons over *Susquehanna* River, or any Part of the Bay above the North Side of *Sassafras* River, on the Eastern Shore, or over *Patowmack* or *Pocomoke* Rivers, in to *Virginia*, without a Pass, or Certificate under the Hands of Two County Justices, and the County Seal, that they are Free-men, &c. shall be answerable to the Masters or Owners of such Servants for all Damages. *Ibid.* §. 4.

20. Persons enticing, transporting, or secretly carrying or sending away out of this Province, any Apprentice, or other Servants or Slaves, shall forfeit to the Employer or Owner, treble the Damages and Costs for the Time of such Apprentice, or other Servant or Slave. *Ibid.* §. 5.

21. All Fees, due on the Prosecution of Imported Servants, at the Suit of the Proprietary, shall be paid by the Owners of such Servants: Which Owners (unless in case of Conviction and Execution for Capital Offences) shall have Recompence for such Fees, by such Servitude, not exceeding Three Years, as the County Court shall think proper, if such Servant cannot make Payment otherwise. 1727, *ch.* 2, §. 2, 3.

22. Bastard Children of Women Servants shall be maintained by the Master or Owner of such Servants, during the Mother's Servitude. And, if the Father is unknown, or incapable to make Satisfaction, the Mother shall be adjudged to make Recompence by Servitude, or otherwise.—But, if the Father be a Resident, of Ability to maintain the Child, and convicted of begetting the same, the County Court may oblige him to maintain it. *Ibid.* §. 4—6.

23. Imported Servants, committing Offences punishable by Imprisonment, shall serve their Owners Day for Day, and no more, which their Owners shall

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lose of their Service by such Imprisonment. 1750, *ch.* 5, §. 1.

24. Such Servants being fined for Breach of the Peace, their Owners shall pay the Fine, and the Servants shall make Satisfaction for the same, by Service or otherwise, at the Expiration of their first Time of Servitude. *Ibid.* §. 2.

25. The several County Courts, where the Case shall happen, shall determine any Disputes which may arise between Owners and their Servants, in the above Cases, and adjudge them according to this Act. *Ibid.* §. 3.

See *Convicts*, per Tot. *Country Bottoms*, 2, 7. *Freedom Dues*, per Tot. *Guardians*, 13. *Harbourers of Servants and Slaves*, per Tot. *Indians*, 6. *Ingrossers*, 1, 3. *Masters of Ships*, 3—5. *Militia*, 4. *Mulattoes*, 1. *Musters*, 4. *Negroes*, 3—6, 33, 47. *Runaways*, per Tot. *Tobacco Inspected*, 5.

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SHERIFFS.

1. Copies of the Acts passed in each successive Assembly, shall be sent, by Writ under the Great Seal, to the Sheriff of each County, directing them to publish them at their next County Court; and then to be lodged with the County Clerk. 1715, *ch.* 25, §. 1.

2. Sheriffs shall collect the Amerciaments with the Levy, and have Power to Distrain, or Levy the same, by Way of Execution. 1715, *ch.* 41, §. 11; and 1722, *ch.* 12, §. 1.

3. How the Sheriff shall proceed on Attachments. See *Attachments*, 3—7.

4. No Sheriff, or his Deputy, shall plead as an Attorney in the Court wherein he bears Office, on Penalty of 3000^{lb} Tobacco. 1715, *ch.* 41, §. 9.

5. The Sheriff shall not take a Bail-Bond in any Action of Trespass, exceeding 8000^{lb} Tobacco, &c. See *Bail-Bonds*, 1.

6. Sheriffs shall deliver the Appointment of Constables to the several Persons appointed, or leave the same at their usual Places of Abode, within Ten Days after receiving the same from the County Clerk, on Penalty of 20 Shillings Currency for each Neglect. 1752, *ch.* 7, §. 2.

7. Constables shall deliver fair Lists of the Taxables in their several Hundreds, to the Sheriff, by the 1st August, yearly: And the Sheriff shall return a fair Copy of the List of Taxables in the County, to the Secretary's Office, by the 20th of September. 1719, *ch.* 12, §. 5, 6.

8. For the Sheriff's Duty with Regard to Elections; see *Delegates*, 4, 6, 10—13.

9. How to proceed on Writ of *Fieri facias*; see *Fieri facias*, per Tot.

10. The Sheriff shall deliver the Warrants to the several Overseers of Roads appointed by the Court, *ex Officio*, on Penalty of 1000^{lb} Tobacco in Cask: And is empowered to levy, by Way of Execution, all Fines on Persons not appearing, when Warned, on the Highways, &c. of which a List shall be given him by the County Clerk. See *Highways*, 7, 9.

11. Sheriffs shall forward the Signification of Inspectors refusing to serve, &c. to the Clerk of the Council, in like Manner as Public Letters are to be forwarded. 1763, *ch.* 18, §. 42.

12. In what Manner Jurors shall be summoned to the Provincial and County Courts. See *Jurors*, 1, 2.

13. For the Sheriff's Duty with respect to Public Letters; see *Letters Public*, 1, 4.

14. The Sheriff shall not be allowed any Fee for executing for Public or County Levies. 1724, *ch.* 21, §. 2.